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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1897

FOR: LOS DEL USUN

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

REF: (A) STATE 85109 (B) STATE 90067 (C) STATE 89395

1. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED TEXT OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 8
SPEECH ON LOS TO TOP GOES OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT.
ON APRIL 22, I CALLED ON FONMIN BORGONOVO TO TOUCH ON THIS
MATTER AND LEAVE AN AIDE MEMOIREON IT AND A SUMMARY OF OUR
200-MILE LEGISLATION UN FISHERIES.2. BORGONOVO SAID THAT HE HAD READ THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH
AND THOUGHT IT POSITIVE. HE HASTENED TO ADD THAT HE WAS ONLY
SUPERFICIALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS COMPLICATED SUBJECT AND
THAT HIS UNDER SECRETARY CASTANEDA WAS BETTER INFORMED. MORE-
OVER, HE EMPHASIZED, THE FOREMOST SALVADORAN AUTHORITY ON LOS
WAS DR. GALINDO POHL, THE HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN DELEGATION
TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WHO HAD ALSO BEEN THE AUTHOR OF THE
200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAUSE OF EL SALVADOR'S CONSTI-
TUTION. BORGONOVO CLARIFIED THAT, WHILE GALINDO POHL
ALWAYS CLEARED HIS POSITIONS WITH THE FONOFF, GALINDO'S
PRESTIGE IN LOS MATTERS IS SO HIGH THAT CLEARANCE PROCEDURE
IS MERELY PRO-
-FORMA SINCE HE IS ALMOST INVARIABLY SUPPORTED
BY THE GOES, GALINDO REPORTED ONLY ABOUT ONE MONTHLY
TO THE FONOFF ON THE LOS DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WAS INDICATIVE
OF HIS GREAT AUTONOMY, HE HAD NOT YET REPORTED HIS
IMPRESSION OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH.3. WHILE I EXPRESS TO BORGONOVO (AND CASTANEDA WHOM
I CALLED ON AFTERWARDS) OUR HOPE THAT THE PASSIVE MODERATES
AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, SUCH AS EL SALVADOR, WOULD TAKE
A MORE ACTIVE ROLE FORTHWITH TO ASSURE GREATER PROGRESS
TOWARD COMPROMISE ON A TREATY AT THIS SESSION, I CANNOT
STRESS TOO MUCH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO OUR LOS DELEGATION
THE IMPORTANRV OF MAINTAINING A CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE RELATION-
SHIP WITH GALINDO POHL. CAMPBELL

State Dept. review completed

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